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SUBJECT: ASEAN SUMMIT: CLOSED DOOR SESSION AUG 4 AND RELATED  
DEVELOPMENTS

1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, THE FIVE ASEAN HEADS OF  
GOVERNMENT MET FOR 45 MINUTES IN CLOSED-DOOR SESSION AFTER-  
NOON AUG 4 WITH AIDES PRESENT, FOLLOWING WHICH THEY RETIRED  
TO PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN'S SUITE AT THE HILTON FOR THREE  
HOURS OF "TEN EYES ONLY" TALKS WITH NO ONE ELSE PRESENT.  
PRESS CITED UNIDENTIFIED CONFERENCE SOURCES TO EFFECT PRIVATE  
SESSION WAS REQUESTED BY SINGAPORE PM LEE KUAN YEW. ALTHOUGH  
OFFICIAL CONFERENCE SPOKESMAN WOULD NOT DIVULGE WHAT TRANS-  
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PIRED, UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT TOPICS  
INCLUDED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIVE ASEAN INDUSTRIAL  
PROJECTS, PROPOSALS FOR ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING  
ARRANGEMENTS, AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT.  
(WE ARE REPORTING SEPTEL ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THIS  
MEETING.).

2. MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN TOLD REPORTERS THE FIVE AT THE INITIAL 45-MINUTE SESSION HAD "FINALIZED" THE REPORTS BEFORE THEM, INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' PROGRESS REPORT, THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS' REPORT, AND-- EXCEPT FOR SOME CHANGES--THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE MEETING AUG 5. THEY ALSO CONSIDERED THE WELFARE MINISTERS' REPORT AND REPOTEDLY REVIEWED THE JOINT STATEMENTS TO BE ISSUED AFTER THE MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTERS OF AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND (FYI: TEXT FIVE LEADERS SPEECHES PLUS COMMUNIQUE BEING SENT BY USIS, INFO DEPT AND SELECTED ADDRESSEES: END FYI).

3. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND THE EEC PRESIDENCY ON ASEAN'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY SUMMIT MEETING HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND NOTED BY PRESS. PRESIDENT CARTER'S SIMILAR MESSAGE HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED BUT HAS BEEN MENTIONED BY MEDIA AS AMONG THOSE RECEIVED.

4. MALAYSIAN HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE OF LARGE GATHERING OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN K.L. TO BRIEF ABOUT 60 OF THEM AUG 4 AT THE NATIONAL OPERATIONS ROOM AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT. GHAZALI TOLD THEM THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT NO INSURENGY AS SUCH IN MALAYSIA AND THAT THE COMMUNIST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERRORIST SITUATION, ALTHOUGH AN UNENDING PROBLEM WHOSE RESOLUTION WAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET IN SIGHT, IS VERY MUCH UNDER CONTROL. HE NOTED THAT PRIOR TO RECENT JOINT THAI-MALAYSIAN OPERATIONS THE SITUATION WAS "ALMOST AN INSURGENCY" IN THE BETONG AREA OF SOUTHERN THAILAND BUT THIS NOW WAS NO LONGER THE CASE. (COMMENT: COM OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN VERY SENSITIVE TO WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE EXAGGERATED PORTRAYALS BY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION IN MALAYSIA. GHAZALI'S BRIEFING IS AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO REASSURE POTENTIAL FOREIGN INVESTORS THAT THE "COMMUNIST TERRORIST" PROBLEM IS UNDER CONTROL).

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